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Association of Sick Children's Hospital Nurses.
Association of Nursery Training Colleges.
Central Council for the Care of Cripples.
Child Guidance Council.
College of Midwives.
Eugenics Society.
Institute of Infant Welfare Fund.
Invalid Children's Aid Association.
Mental Health Emergency Committee.
Mothercraft Training Society.
National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the
Prevention of Infant Mortality.
National Baby Welfare Council.
National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child.
National Society of Children's Nurseries.
Nursery School Association of Great Britain.
Royal College of Nursing.
Save the Children Fund.

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Women Public Health Officers Association.
Mental Health Emergency Committee.

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Miss Liddiard.

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Mrs. R. F. Mitchell.
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Organiser: Miss N. Somerville.

SUMMARY OF OBJECTS.

(a) To co-ordinate and assist the work of the various national and local voluntary organisations concerned in the care of motherhood, infancy and childhood.

(b) To assist in the establishment and maintenance of such residential institutions as the Constituent Bodies may from time to time find necessary.

(c) To promote a standardisation of training for social welfare workers in connection with motherhood, infancy and childhood.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

Annual Report for 1942

THE work of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare has gone on with unfailing energy on the part of its members. An active interest has been taken in all matters concerning the welfare of mothers and children. The attendances at the War Emergency Committee have been most excellent and the members have given a great deal of time to further the interests of the Council and its affiliated societies. I am most grateful for the harmonious relationships which exist and the keen spirit shown by all the members.

The Reconstruction Committee drew up several modifications for the new charter of the Council which were approved by a meeting of the National Council, subject to the scrutiny of the Council's Solicitors, and I wish to express how very much we are indebted to Mr. Hector Hughes, K.C. for his examination of the constitution and for his advice, given without fee.

The various Standing Committees have been reorganised and it has been arranged that their respective Secretaries should submit monthly reports to their Committees, and that when approved, these reports should be given to the War Emergency Committee by the Secretaries in attendance. Financial statements are to be given once a month to the Finance Committee.

The Bureau of Information under Miss Somerville has done excellent work. We are very grateful to Mrs. Woolrych Perowne who was mainly responsible for obtaining for us the annual grant of £500 for three years from the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the British Red Cross Society. This grant has been the means for the establishment of this Bureau and the Council thanks the Joint Council for their generosity towards this important work.

At a conference with members of the Carnegie Trustees a satisfactory arrangement was agreed upon and the Council is grateful to the Trust for its continuous interest and for its financial aid.

Miss Moffat has worked under difficulties owing to war depletion

of her office staff, but this difficulty seems now to have been overcome.

The honorary office bearers have taken a great interest in the work of the Council and have made regular attendances at the various meetings of committees.

(Signed) A. LOUISE McILROY, *Chairman,*
of the Council and of the War Emergency Committee.

Finance.

Those responsible for the finance of the National Council have been greatly encouraged by the renewed interest taken in its work and prospects by the Joint Council of the Order of St. John and British Red Cross Society. The Joint Council has promised a sum of £500 per annum for three years to assist in the formation of a Bureau of Information on all the work of Maternity and Child Welfare carried on in this country and to link up with similar work in other countries. This grant will enable the National Council to appoint an organiser and to extend its Library which will become part of the Bureau of Information. Grateful acknowledgment must be made of the work done by the Re-construction Committee, and especially of the interest taken by Mrs. Woolrych Perowne in putting the facts before the Joint Council. The Carnegie Trustees have also promised to view sympathetically the financial difficulties of the National Council resulting from the War.

The administrative expenses incurred by the National Council in connection with the Child Care Reserve and the Gibraltar Evacuee Hostels are defrayed by the Ministry of Health, and it also received a contribution from the Board of Trade towards the administration of the Uniform Concession for nursery nurses in War-time Nurseries.

Grateful acknowledgment must also be made to donations and grants from:

The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.

Joint Council of the Order of St. John and the British

Red Cross Society.

Institute of Infant Welfare Fund.

John Lewis Partnership, Ltd.

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Mrs. Richard Cohen.

Mrs. E. Johnson.

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J. A. Day, Esq.

J. V. Earle, Esq.

Princess Elizabeth Day.

Once again there has been an increase in the amount collected in the London streets on the two days allocated to Flag Days for Children's Charities. Particulars of the distribution of the National Council's share of the collections are shown in the financial statements at the end of the report. The thanks of the National Council and of the Societies taking part under its name are due to the Princess Elizabeth Day Joint Committee, to Mr. Grigg, the organiser, who with his staff have worked indefatigably throughout the year, and to the loyal body of collectors who come forward each "day" full of enthusiasm and determination to increase their takings.

Meetings of the Council.

The Annual General Meeting was held on July 22nd, 1942 at Carnegie House. The Annual Report and Audited Accounts having been adopted, the Honorary Officers were re-elected, and Messrs. Barton Mayhew & Co. re-appointed as Auditors. The meeting then elected the Association of Sick Children's Hospital Nurses as a Constituent Society, and the Council looks forward to closer co-operation between this body, caring for the Child in sickness, and those whose work is more particularly for the healthy child..

On April 1st a Special Meeting was held when members of the Council and of the Constituent Societies listened to speakers who addressed them on "Women in Industry," their problems and how they are met. The chair was taken by Dame Louise McLlroy who introduced the speakers. The first was Mr. Tarran who employs over 2,000 women, and who spoke of the arrangements he had made for the comfort and well-being of the mothers and expectant mothers in his factories. Miss Cousins, manageress of a factory in Walthamstow, spoke next and was followed by Miss Foster, who had much valuable information to give about the very complete and smoothly working arrangements for "home helps" in Birmingham under Dr. Cassie. Mrs. Devereux, a mother from Tottenham, answered questions from the audience on how she managed to have her baby cared for while at work. The meeting ended with an address from Dr. Irvine, Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer, Shipley, on the proposal which he deprecated, to transfer the care of the 2 to 5 year olds from the Ministry of Health to that of the Board of Education.

War Emergency Committee.

This executive Committee of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare has met twice a month under the chairmanship of Dame Louise McLlroy. The full attendance and variety of

questions brought forward for discussion testify to its usefulness to the Constituent Societies. It is the earnest desire of the Honorary Officers that the members should use it to the full, and should bring forward questions for discussion at its meetings or at one of the Special *Ad Hoc* Group Committees which are now being set up by the War Emergency Committee for the discussion of problems which affect more than one society. The following have already been formed: "The Training of Nursery Nurses"; Convenor, The National Society of Children's Nurseries. "Adoption"; Convenor, The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her Child. "The Future of Maternity and Child Welfare"; convened by The National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality. It is expected that many others will be formed, and that they will become a feature of the National Council when re-constituted.

Re-Construction.

The Re-construction Committee is meeting frequently and hopes early in 1943 to submit recommendations to the National Council.

Breast Feeding.

Among the questions considered by the War Emergency Committee was a suggestion that there was a serious decline in the number of mothers who breast-fed their babies. A special committee was set up to make an enquiry, under the chairmanship of Dame Louise McIlroy and with the following members: Miss Liddiard, Miss Bowden-Smith, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Kent-Parsons, Dr. McGregor, Lady Cynthia Colville, Mrs. Hardcastle, Miss Coombe. A questionnaire was drawn up and circulated to Medical Officers of Health and their co-operation sought. At the end of six months the replies came in and were examined by the Committee and the information collated. On this an interim report was made by the Chairman and sent to a special sub-committee of the Ministry of Health which was going into the matter. The information showed that the decline was not so marked as had been suggested, but that the period of breast-feeding had shortened. Further information is coming in and a final report will be sent to the Ministry of Health.

Staffing of Nurseries.

A special meeting was devoted to questions arising with reference to the staffing of War-time Nurseries. Lady Galway spoke of the Child Care Reserve, and the following, of the work of their societies in connection with the staffing of nurseries:—Miss Liddiard, Association of Nursery Training Colleges; Mrs. Enthoven, National Society of Children's Nurseries, Miss Thella Marriott,

Nursery School Association; and Miss F. Hawtrey, gave a general survey on recruitment, training, rates of pay, and the responsibilities of the staff, and urged the importance of the unification of recruiting methods, the registration of mobile women and the need for greater publicity in recruiting. Later in the year, at the request of the National Society of Children's Nurseries, a resolution was forwarded to the Ministry of Health recommending that girls under 18 working in a nursery, should whenever possible, follow a definite course of training and instruction while so working, in accordance with an approved curriculum.

Home Helps.

A small Committee composed of Dame Louise McIlroy, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Bowden-Smith, Mrs. Kent Parsons, Miss Liddiard, Miss Stephens, discussed the question of Home Helps, and a scheme drawn up by the College of Midwives was approved and sent to the Ministry of Health with a letter dealing also with the shortage of maternity beds, convalescent homes for mothers with young children, short stay homes for children, and the necessity of encouraging qualified midwives to practice.

New Members.

The War Emergency Committee were unanimous in welcoming Dr. Maud McVail as a member, and greatly appreciated a paper which she read on the History of the Nursery School and its development in London.

Representation.

Representatives have been sent to meetings and conferences of the following organisations:—Family Endowment Society, Central Council for Health Education, London Women's Parliament, Association of Social and Moral Welfare, Child Planning Group.

Co-operation with other Societies.

The Council continues to be represented on the N.C.S.S. and its Advisory Committee, the Public Health, Parliamentary, Education and Post War Reconstruction Committees of the National Council of Women, Committees of the Women's Voluntary Services, Central Council for Health Education, and the Women's Advisory Housing Council. Representatives have also attended committees and meetings called by the Ministry of Health, Board of Trade and the Ministry of Labour, with whom the National Council works in close co-operation.

Library.

The membership of the Library shows an increase on the previous year. Many of the readers come from War-time Nurseries, and

the books concerning the care of children from 2 to 5 are still in greatest request. Gifts of suitable books in good condition, especially *Review* copies, would be greatly appreciated and should be addressed to:—

The Librarian,

National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare,
117, Piccadilly, W.1.

from whom particulars and rules of membership may be obtained as well as a Bibliography of books in the library.

Layettes.

The National Council would like to take this opportunity to thank The Dudley House Allocation Committee for their gifts of infants' clothing. The layettes which they have sent throughout the year have been of the greatest help to mothers in poor circumstances, and the midwives who distribute them and collect the coupons are deeply appreciative of the Committee's kindness.

CHILD WELFARE EXHIBITIONS.

The Exhibitions Department may not have done any very large scale exhibitions in the past year, but it has been extremely active in a different way, which is proving most valuable to Child Care teaching.

There has been a constant demand for demonstration baby dolls and equipment for the teaching of Mothercraft classes all over Britain given by the British Red Cross Society and other bodies. In fact, the demand has been much greater than the existing amount of equipment can meet.

Sections were on view at the Paddington Health Week Exhibition held at Whiteleys (20th-25th April), which was organised by the National Baby Welfare Council. Photographs were sent for the Nursing Recruitment Campaign at Manchester (May 4th-16th), and in connection with Princess Elizabeth Day the complete exhibition was displayed at the Forum Club from May 18th-22nd. The Exhibitions Committee have also participated in exhibitions held in Salford in July and in Sheffield in October. Exhibits of clothing, nutrition and various other sections have gone to several places. Belfast held a Health fortnight and several sections were shown there.

A new exhibit was arranged and shown at the Conference for Maternity and Child Welfare. This deals with the occupation of the child, using improvised gadgets, found in the average home, the purpose of this being to encourage parents in the understanding of their child's needs, and in the application of intelligence and resourcefulness in meeting them.

It is a pleasure to record that the Ministry of Health and Department of Health for Scotland are recommending the Exhibition patterns to be used in wartime nurseries and the Department of Health in Ireland is now also becoming interested. Approximately 300 different Boroughs and nurseries have been supplied with patterns.

FILMS are constantly being hired to Education Authorities, Welfare Authorities, Public Health Authorities, British Red Cross and many other private individuals throughout Britain.

COURSES OF LECTURES ON MOTHERCRAFT and single lectures have been given in various areas.

VISITS TO THE PERMANENT EXHIBITION have been made by groups of students from the College of Nursing (wartime matrons' course), students from the National Health Society, Battersea Polytechnic, health visitors and many individuals.

NEW PATTERNS of children's garments have been designed by Mrs. May Shanks and the production has been made possible by Miss Horn's keen efforts and by the support of the Institute of Infant Welfare Fund.

The production of such a great number of patterns has been made possible by the help of Miss Tomlin and Miss Buck. Recently a new voluntary worker, Mrs. Kenyon, has also given very valuable help.

For all information regarding charges for hire, fees and the sale of exhibits, application should be made to:—

The Secretary,

Exhibitions Department,

117, PICCADILLY, LONDON, W.1.

Acknowledgment.

The Committee are anxious to express their gratitude to Mrs. Meering for the untiring zeal which she has devoted to the furtherance of the Exhibition's work, without which its continuance would have been impossible, or at any rate the maintenance of its high educational standard. No one unfamiliar with the intricacies of Exhibition work can entirely gauge the skill and labour involved. Miss Moffat, to whom we all turn for advice, information and help of every kind, has never failed us, even when her pitch of over-work has reached alarming heights, and to Miss le Guilloux, now happily disguised as Mrs. Trompetto, we give our congratulations and acknowledge the debt that all successfully running concerns owe to an efficient and most conscientious Secretary.

(Signed) CYNTHIA COLVILLE.

Chairman, Exhibitions Committee.

CHILD CARE RESERVE.

The year 1942 was a year of considerable expansion, during which membership increased from just over 500 to approximately 3,500.

Courses of Instruction.

Many "A" and "B" Courses were held in the first part of the year, most Authorities arranging both courses. After consultation between the Board of Education, the Ministry of Health and the National Council, it was agreed to combine these two courses into a single one to be known as the Senior Course and to establish a new Junior Course for girls between the ages of 16 and 18 and a Supplementary Course for selected students who are considered suitable for appointment as Wardens of war-time nurseries or nursery classes. Scotland decided to take the Senior Course only. It was also agreed that Membership Cards should be given by the National Council in future only to those who successfully complete courses arranged by Local Education Authorities and approved by H.M. Inspectors of Schools. During the year 226 courses were held in England and 16 courses in Scotland:

ENGLAND:	71 "A" Courses.	SCOTLAND:	7 "A" Courses.
	101 "B" Courses.		7 "B" Courses.
	46 Senior Courses.		2 Senior Courses.
	5 Junior Courses.		
	3 Supplementary Courses.		

London Courses : The London Courses continued to be held at Carnegie House until the end of November, when they were taken over by the London County Council Education Officer's Department. From January to November, 7 "A" Courses, 7 "B" Courses and 3 Senior Courses were held at Carnegie House. Courses were also arranged for the First Aid Post personnel of the Lewisham, Greenwich, Hampstead and Kensington Divisions of the British Red Cross Society. In November a Supplementary Course was arranged for the London County Council by the Nursery School Association.

Gibraltar Evacuee Hostels Nurseries.

The work of the Child Care Reserve Office in staffing the nurseries in the Ministry of Health Gibraltar Evacuee Centres in London continued. There were nurseries in 25 hostels at the beginning of the year and another was opened in April. The number of permanent staff rose from 46 in January to 56 in December. In the earlier part of the year staffing was difficult. There was a

considerable amount of illness among the staff and annual leave had to be arranged for all workers. Temporary staff to fill these gaps became more difficult to find and voluntary help had almost disappeared. Nearly all the original fully-trained workers had left us by the end of the year, either for domestic reasons or in order to take up better-paid appointments. The staff had become much more stable by the end of the year, largely due to the new regulations of the Ministry of Labour and National Service.

Several Gibraltarian women were given courses at Carnegie House and were taken on in the nurseries as Child Care Reserve assistants as vacancies arose. This was a very popular move and has been very successful. One or two of these women did outstandingly well in the Courses.

The quality of staff has again improved, and the new Senior Courses have given a much more adequate preparation for the work in these nurseries than the former courses.

Very welcome was the appointment made by the Ministry of Health in November of Mrs. Paul, Nursery Leader at Kensington Palace Mansions since August 1940, as Temporary Assistant Inspector, her work being to inspect the Gibraltar nurseries and to go into the nurseries to work with new or other staff for a few days at a time. The value of this appointment was immediately apparent.

New Executive Committee.

In February the Board of Education asked that a small Executive Committee be appointed to deal with Child Care Reserve matters in place of the former large Committee and this new Committee was duly appointed.

Work of the Organisers.

Our grateful thanks are due to the two Organisers, Miss Chesters and Miss Keating, who worked very hard and very successfully advising and helping Local Education Authorities in the arrangement of courses. Most appreciative letters have been received from many Education Officers. H.M. Inspectors of Schools have now this work in hand. We were extremely sorry to receive Miss Keating's resignation in November and we should like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the most valuable work she has done. Miss Chesters continues to lecture—principally to Supplementary Courses.

Organising Secretary.

In November, Mrs. Dowden sent in her resignation, which was accepted with very great regret. We have put on record in the Minutes of the Council our appreciation of her work. Her task was an exacting and difficult one, which she accomplished with intelligence and tact.

Office Staff.

The Office Staff have given loyal service, for which our warmest thanks are due. It would have been impossible to meet the sudden increase of work had we not been greatly helped by voluntary workers—Mrs. Macdonald, the Hon. Mrs. Grant Duff, and the Hon. Mrs. Parshall. We are deeply grateful for their generous co-operation.

(Signed) MARIE C. GALWAY,

Chairman, Child Care Reserve Executive Committee.

UNIFORM COMMITTEE

The result of the year's work has been satisfactory as shown by the figures given below.

Revised instructions were circulated to all Nurseries on the Register in August 1942, setting out the changes in the rules made by the Board of Trade, the chief being the reduction of the year's quota of coupons to be surrendered by each member. Up to 1st September 1942 twelve coupons had to be surrendered; this year's quota has been reduced to nine. Uniform allowances have also been reduced; initial outfit must now not exceed 50 coupons, and renewal of uniform 28 coupons.

The closing date for registration had been fixed for 31st August, 1942, but the Board of Trade decided to extend this date; members however who failed to register last coupon-year, are obliged to surrender coupons and fees retrospectively.

The following figures are for the coupon year 1st September 1941 to 31st August 1942:

Number of members registered	1,621
Number of nurseries on books	256
Vouchers received from Board of Trade	51,000
Clothing coupons sent to Board of Trade	13,663

EXPENDITURE	£259	7	0
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RECEIPTS: Registration Fees	£243	3	0
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Grant from Board of Trade	£81	1	0
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	£324	4	0
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From 1st September 1942 to 31st December 1942 there have been 753 registrations, of which 425 are members who registered last year.

Thanks are due to "The Nursery Journal" and to "Mother and Child," for giving publicity to various matters of interest to Nursery Staffs.

The Council is greatly indebted to Mrs. Alec Waley for her continued generous and skilful help.

(Signed) EVA READING,

Chairman, Uniform Committee.

ADDRESSES OF SOCIETIES REPRESENTED ON NATIONAL COUNCIL.

- Association of Sick Children's Hospital Nurses,
Evelina Hospital for Sick Children, London, S.E.1.
- Association of Nursery Training Colleges, Ltd.,
8, Chester Road, Northwood, Middlesex.
- Central Council for the Care of Cripples,
34, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.
- Child Guidance Council,
23, Queen's Square, Bath.
- College of Midwives,
57, Lower Belgrave Street, S.W.1.
- The Eugenics Society,
69, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.
- Invalid Children's Aid Association,
117, Piccadilly, W.1.
- Mental Health Emergency Committee,
24, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.
- Mothercraft Training Society,
Cromwell House, Highgate Hill, N.6.
- National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and
for the Prevention of Infant Mortality,
117, Piccadilly, W.1.
- National Baby Welfare Council (including National Baby Week
Council),
29, Gordon Square, W.C.1.
- National Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her Child,
117, Piccadilly, W.1.
- National Society of Children's Nurseries,
117, Piccadilly, W.1.
- Nursery School Association of Great Britain,
Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, W.C.1.
- Royal College of Nursing,
Henrietta Place, Cavendish Square, W.1.
- Save the Children Fund,
20, Gordon Square, W.C.1.
- The Women Public Health Officers Association,
5, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

(A. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE AND NOT HAVING A SHARE CAPITAL.)

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1942.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
TO BANK OVERDRAFT	3,040	17	3	
TO CREDITORS AND ACCRUED CHARGES	455	5	11	
TO BALANCE OF UNIFORMS CONCESSION ACCOUNT						
Carried Forward	81	17	10	
TO ACCUMULATED FUND						
As at 31st December, 1941	5,640	11	1	
Less : Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year, per annexed Account	1,840	1	11	
			3,800	9	2	
TO AMOUNTS SET ASIDE IN CONNECTION WITH CHILDREN'S DAY			7,378	10	2	
For 1943 Expenses	700	0	0	
For distribution to participating Societies	2,857	7	1	
			3,557	7	1	
A. LOUISE McILROY, Chairman of the Council.						
W. LINTS SMITH, Hon. Treasurer.						
			£10,935	17	3	

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet dated 31st December, 1942, and have received all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.

BARTON, MAYHEW & CO.,
*Chartered Accountants,
Auditors.*

5th May, 1943.

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of the
National Council for
Maternity and Child Welfare

The Travelling Exhibition may be hired complete including films and projector with a lecturer in charge.

Sections may be hired separately for teaching purposes, largely used by Education and Health Authorities for the teaching of Mothercraft, Nutrition, etc., and in connection with the Child Care Reserve Courses.

Exhibits of Emergency Equipment for the Evacuated Mother, infant and the young child.

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